



Bigfoot Studios Welcomes Local Musicians For Live Streaming Concerts

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Bigfoot Studios, Waterville, in partnership with Third Street Cigar Records and production company E2HD, today announced the upcoming launch of Stream Toledo and streamtoledo.com, a web destination for live and archived streaming music video performances.

Stream Toledo's focus is providing Toledo performers and music fans with a dedicated online home for live video-streamed events. Initially, all concerts will originate from Bigfoot Studios, and several of Toledo's most popular musicians are already scheduled for performances. Fans can catch each show on streamtoledo.com along with other platforms, such as Facebook Live on Bigfoot's Facebook page. Those who miss the live event can find the archived performance later at toledostream.com.

Bigfoot Studios opened its Waterville facility in 2019 and has recorded dozens of local and national acts with owner and engineer Travis Geiman at the board. Oliver Hazard, the town's pride and joy and now a nationally-known touring act, cut both of their albums at Bigfoot and shot the video for "Gold Teeth Girl" in the studio. "It's obvious that streaming concerts have gained popularity in the COVID-19 era," said Geiman. "Local musicians were calling with questions about going live, so we decided to jump in head-first. My partners in the project say that live streaming is here to stay, so we agreed to invest in making it worthwhile and impressive."

Bowling Green producer Glenn Burris, of E2HD, has assumed responsibility for video production. "I was already familiar with the studio, so when I heard from Travis, I was very pleased, not only that streaming shows were possible from there, but already in demand. So often, streaming concerts are from an artist's kitchen using their phone for everything. That's not what Stream Toledo is about. We want to create a quality experience that puts the artist in the best light, literally, and sounds terrific."

Live streaming shows from Bigfoot will use multiple cameras, the studio's complement of microphones and recording technology to allow a carefully-controlled sweet sound.

Third Street Cigar Records has put its support behind Stream Toledo. "Our artists were working with Bigfoot even before the new studio opened here in Waterville. The Stream Toledo idea is perfect for us. We want to get as many of our roster into streaming shows as we can. Not only our local talent, like Chris Shutters and Bobby G., but worldwide guys like blues great Johnny Rawls, who just cut a new record at Bigfoot."

At the outset, all performances will be free to view, with a donation option for those who wish to support the artists. Sponsorships are being considered now.

The first live show under the Stream Toledo umbrella will be Wednesday night, August 5, 2020, at 7 PM. Toledo favorite Andrew Ellis will be featured in a one-hour solo show. Later in the month, fans can enjoy Jeff Stewart (August 10), Nikki "D" And The Sisters of Thunder (August 15), and Chris Shutters (August 26). While all of those artists might seem of a similar vein, Geiman says to expect very diverse choices in the months ahead: "We're already planning September shows and talking with people from a wide range of music, all of them missing live performances and anxious to reconnect with fans through live streaming."

More information is available at streamtoledo.com.

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